DECLARATION AND POWER OF TORNEY

In re Application of: DAVID G. SCHMIDT
As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:



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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: NOVEL COMPOSITIONS FOR USE IN BATTERIES, CAPACITORS, FUEL CELLS AND SIMILAR DEVICES AND FOR HYDROGEN PRODUCTION, the specification of which:

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	ached hereto.			
was filed on June 22, 2001 as Application No. 09/887,531.				
I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used by others in the United				
States of America before n	ny or our invention	on thereof, or patented o	r described in any printed publi	cation in any country before my or
our invention thereof or more than one year prior to the date of this application. I further state that the invention was not in public use				
or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the date of this application. I understand that I have a duty of candor and good faith toward the Patent and Trademark Office, and I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material				
to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.				
I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a)-(d) of the foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate disclosing				
subject matter in common with the above-identified specification and having a filing date before that of the application on which				
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Application No.	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC §119	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:				
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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statement were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issuing thereon. POWER OF ATTORNEY: The following attorneys are hereby appointed to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Customer Number 23370				
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